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Madison Samuel-Barclay/Didsbury Review

The Bethany Care Society held an open house on Jan. 25 to present the new designs and floor plan for the Bethany Didsbury facility. From left to right: Ralph Huebele, Manager of Health and Housing Initiatives for Alberta Seniors and Community Supports, Belle Gowriluk, Director of Integrated Supportive & Facility Living for Alberta Health Services, and Greer Black, President and CEO of Bethany Care Society.

Bethany unveils updated facility designs at open house

New care centre focuses on small group living and a safe, open environment

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
 Review Staff

A special community open house for Bethany Didsbury was held on Jan. 25 at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, presented by the Bethany Care Society.

The event, held between 3 and 7 p.m., presented new concept work on the design and layout of the long-discussed continuing care project.

Exterior and interior designs, as well as a new, updated floor and room plans were on display, with Bethany Care Society, Alberta Health Services and Alberta Seniors and Community Supports officials present to address questions interested residents had about the new facility.

The presented layouts and designs are a part of the middle portion of the care centre's progress, said Bethany Care Society

President and CEO Greer Black.

Finalized designs are still in the works, with an expected, official opening for the new centre to come in early 2014.

"We've had a lot of people interested in the current layout," said Black about comments and questions received throughout the day, adding that the centre's ability to care for people with dementia was also a common inquiry.

Bethany Didsbury was

presented at the open house as a two-storey, 100 private room facility with three piece suite bathrooms in each room.

It provides secure areas for people with dementia, with open, roundabout hallways that will allow these individuals to wander freely without harm.

Black assures the rooms, décor, activity areas and more are state of the art, and also include landscaped, secure garden

areas and outdoor patios to promote a more open, natural and stress-free environment.

The building also puts a focus on small group living, as opposed to living with a large group of people.

"The facility is separated into smaller dining areas and sitting rooms," explained Black.

"It's not trying to mash everyone into one big place."

The small group living tactic can allow residents

to have a less stressful, more comfortable time in the facility, with an "improved quality of life", said Black.

With Bethany Didsbury now estimated to open in just over two years, Black says that this is the most exciting time for the project.

"Seeing the concept, and knowing it works, and come together is great," he said.

"It's going to be exciting to see."



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Wildlife conservation group brings feathery friend to presentation



Judy Hill from the Alberta Institute for Wildlife Conservation with Blackjack a Swainson hawk during a presentation at the Didsbury Museum last Wednesday.

AIWC and Blackjack teach audiences about wildlife rehabilitation

BY MADISON
SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

The Alberta Institute for Wildlife Conservation (AIWC) visited Didsbury on Jan. 26 to give a presentation at the Didsbury Museum about their work in wildlife rescue and rehabilitation.

The organization had also given an educational presentation at Ross Ford Elementary prior to the 1 p.m. museum event.

Accompanying the presenters was Blackjack, a Swainson hawk that had been severely injured after a car accident in Calgary and rehabilitated by AIWC.

Though Blackjack's recovery has allowed him to fly, eat and live normally again, the lasting brain damage has rendered him docile and without predatory instincts, and his left eye is missing, meaning that he cannot survive in the wild.

Because of this, AIWC has kept Blackjack and his calm, quiet temperament as an educational mascot for their organization. However, AIWC's focus is on rehabilitating animals so they can be released back out into the wild, Blackjack being a special case.

AIWC began in 1993 by Diane Whitner, who saw the need for a facility in Central Alberta to take care of and rehabilitate injured wildlife as zoos and veterinarians will not take local, wild species in for care.

Since its early '90s start, AIWC has grown into a larger, multi-building facility just outside of Madden, Alta. AIWC is also an accredited veterinary hospital and wildlife centre.

AIWC's four main goals are rehabilitation, education, providing wildlife health care and providing an alternative to pest control, as AIWC can safely remove animal families from households and relocate them.

"We are not a zoo, we are a hospital," said presenter Barb Kowalzik.

In cases where an animal is too injured to survive in the wild, AIWC will euthanize it.

"We don't believe in keeping an animal in a cage its whole life," said Kowalzik of these severely injured animals.

Currently AIWC is facing some difficulties with Sustainable Resource Development (SRD), which has put some species on a restricted list, preventing AIWC from legally taking these animals in for rehabilitation if they are found.

time Albertan species, and feral pets, mainly cats.

AIWC's busiest season is in the spring, where they will take in several orphaned baby animals should they be located. However, very often the animals will be brought in to AIWC, usually with good intentions and serious circumstances, but other times due to misunderstandings.

Ducklings, for example, make their first trip to water in the spring, and will continue to follow their mother's path even if they fall behind or become separated. Often these lagging ducklings are mistaken for lost or orphaned and are brought in to AIWC.

Fawns are also popular visitors to AIWC, as they are left in high grass by their parents during the day to hide them from predators and are often seen as alone or abandoned by passersby.

The most frequent injury calls AIWC will receive are of birds that have collided with a window, barbed wire, electric line, and so forth. Over 40 per cent of AIWC's animal intake are birds, and they even take in bald eagles suffering from injury or lead poisoning brought to them from the Northwest Territories, as AIWC is the nearest centre of its kind to the N.W.T.

Due to the work they do caring for wild creatures, all AIWC volunteers are fully vaccinated, and the facility is not open to the public for perusal and viewing.

To contact AIWC with questions, comments, or an injured wildlife discovery, call 403-946-2361 or visit www.aiwc.ca

"We don't believe in keeping an animal in a cage its whole life."

Coyotes and skunks are among two SRD-restricted species that AIWC cannot accept despite having provided frequent rehabilitation services to them in the past. AIWC is currently working with SRD to lift these restrictions.

Also restricted for the AIWC are invasive species, such as starlings, which take over the natural habitat of long-

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RCMP Report Stolen truck found in Calgary

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Vehicle and item thefts in Didsbury

A Ford F53 truck was stolen from the 1900 block of 17 Street in Didsbury between 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 20 and 5:30 a.m. on Jan. 21.

The truck was subsequently located in Calgary with front-end damage and the ignition punched. The truck had been locked, and the door locks had been broken into to gain entry into the vehicle.

Two snow shovels were also stolen from a residence at the 2100 block of 16 Avenue around 3 a.m. on Jan. 22. RCMP are currently investigating the theft.

Computer stolen from commercial shop

Didsbury RCMP are investigating a report of a break and enter that occurred at a commercial shop on Highfield Gate in Carstairs.

"The incident was reported on January 25 and occurred at some point over the previous evening," said Sgt. Jeff Jacobson of the Didsbury RCMP. "The individuals had to climb a fence and ultimately kicked in the door. Once they gained entry, they stole a computer."

Jacobson added that there are an

unusual number of break and enters in Carstairs lately, compared to past years.

"We're following up on a number of leads," he said. "We definitely recommend that businesses ensure they have proper security measures in place. For example, an extended length deadbolt that is longer than one inch is far better."

Jacobson also encouraged businesses to install security alarms and cameras.

"Report any suspicious activity," he said. "We're assuming the several break and enters are linked and we are continuing to investigate."

Highway sign stolen

Police are investigating the theft of a traffic sign that was stolen from the east side of Highway 580 toward Cremona on January 23.

"This theft is considered quite serious," said Sgt. Jacobson of the Didsbury RCMP. "Whoever took the sign would be charged with theft or possession of stolen property. If a collision occurred, the individual could also be charged with criminal negligence causing death or bodily harm."

"It's not just a prank. This is a significant dangerous act."

Enforcement efforts stepped up

Police have stepped up enforcement efforts with intersections, speeding and seatbelts.

"We're looking at significantly more enforcement," said Sgt. Jacobson. "We'd like to remind the public that not fully stopping at a stop sign will net a ticket of \$287 and three demerit points."

He added that not wearing a seatbelt will cost \$115, with no demerits.

"A speeding ticket could range from \$50 to \$352 and cost you two to five demerits," he said.

Police issue a challenge to citizens

"I'd like to see it as difficult as possible for crime to occur," said Sgt. Jacobson. "I'm issuing a challenge to the citizens of our jurisdiction. I'd like to see this be a year where there are fewer thefts from vehicles. Make sure doors are locked."

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Opinion

Editorial Economy must be a top issue in upcoming election



DAN
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With the next provincial election now only a couple of months away – under new legislation, the vote must happen by the end of May – the PCs, Wildrose, Liberals, NDs and other parties are already gearing up their respective political machines for the coming race.

And while there are plenty of issues facing voters and politicians in 2012, including Alberta's new drunk driving

rules and the ongoing infrastructure funding fight between municipalities and the province, the economy and plans to manage it over the coming months could very well end up trumping all other issues.

With virtually every man, woman and child in Alberta impacted daily by the financial well-being of this province, voters will certainly want to know where the candidates stand on the economic front.

And with the national economy remaining less than robust, those economic questions won't be easy to answer. According to a recent report by the Bank of Canada, many Canadians are concerned and in some cases worried about the state of the economy over the next months.

The report is based on the central bank's survey of senior management at 100 representative firms. It shows that confidence is well off post-recession highs across the broad range of issues, including sales expectations, investment, hiring intention and the ability of businesses to pass on costs to consumers.

Particularly troublesome are findings that for the first time in almost three years, more firms expect sales growth to slow rather than increase over the next 12 months.

"Overall, the weak U.S. economic outlook, concerns about adverse effects from the situation in Europe and an expected slowing in household spending were among the factors dampening sales prospects," the bank report states.

Despite efforts to diversify the province's economy over the past number of years, Alberta continues to rely heavily on resource extraction and export, meaning the province, in turn, remains firmly tied to the health and well-being of the wider national and world economy.

In the coming Alberta election, the various parties will, of course, focus some of their attentions on issues such as health and education funding, and crime and punishment legislation.

Yet the party that can best provide concrete plans to deal with the economy – and in particular what can and will be done to shield Alberta families and businesses should the economy take a turn for the worse in the coming months – may find itself on the right track with voters, including those in West Central Alberta.

On the other hand, any party that ignores the economy as a key election issue will do so at its peril.



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Harper sets his sights on our pensions

It seems all but certain that Stephen Harper is set to hike the qualifying age for the Old Age Security (OAS) from 65 to 67. For our most vulnerable seniors, that means they will go without \$30,000 of much-needed support for two additional years. For you, it may mean significantly altering your plans for retirement.

And you are not alone. Over the next 10 years, more than 4 million Canadians will be turning 65. Unless you are set to retire with an annual pension of over \$112,000, Harper is telling you to rethink your plans.

Harper is blaming the baby boomers. But as the retirement wave peaks in 2031, the increased spending on the OAS will only increase by 0.7 per cent of Canada's overall economy.

So why is Harper doing this? Because fundamentally, Stephen Harper believes that the government should have no hand in helping seniors in their retirement, and no hand in helping Canadians plan for their retirement. He's still the same guy who said the Canada Pension Plan should be scrapped back in 1998. Government involve-

ment in the financial security of Canadians stands counter to Harper's ideology.

As Conservatives choose to take benefits away from seniors, Liberals will continue to fight for balanced pension reforms that will ensure Canadians' financial security in their retirement. Liberals will fight for a voluntary supplemental Canada Pension Plan that will provide a low-cost, high-return, universal option that Canadians can rely on.

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Letter to the Editor

Who will live in Bethany Didsbury?

The public was invited to an unveiling of Bethany Care's long-anticipated new centre on January 25. Present were numerous representatives from many of the agencies who have worked together to develop this project. This included the CEO of Bethany Care Society, Greer Black, an architect from BKDI Architects, Alberta Health, and Alberta Seniors.

The architects' conceptual drawing of Bethany Didsbury's 100-bed, private suite, care centre is impressive. The facility will add another, much-needed layer of accommodation for the community.

But, who will live in Bethany Didsbury? For more than a decade, community members have valiantly tried to find a replacement for the old and decrepit nursing home (long-term care) on the west side of the Didsbury hospital. The community was therefore hopeful when Bethany Care Society appeared in November 2010.

However, there is still absolutely no guarantee that any of this community's most frail and vulnerable residents will be housed in the new facility. At present, Alberta Health promises only that the facility will be

"designed and built" to accommodate nursing home calibre residents - if it becomes necessary to do so at some point in the future. At this time, Alberta Health only guarantees the continuation of the 21-bed long-term care spaces currently housed in Unit 1 of the Didsbury hospital.

Alberta Health Services will use a "Resident Assessment Instrument" to categorize current and future residents of both facilities. This assessment tool measures the workload necessary for staffing purposes, and it gives Alberta Health Services a way to downgrade existing services.

When Bethany Didsbury becomes operational in 2014, many of the long-term care residents (approximately 67 per cent) will be re-categorized from "nursing home" status (which is currently highly regulated and funded) to "supportive living" status. This percentage has been calculated based on the number of long-term beds that are being guaranteed, compared to the number of current residents.

The Government of Alberta has funded this private operator project with \$10 million. Even so, Greer Black says there is no firm plan in place, at

the moment, to house "nursing home" residents. The staffing and budgeting requirements for this type of care are higher than for "supportive living" residents.

Costs and responsibilities to the residents will rise. Since Bethany Didsbury will only have private rooms, costs to the residents will be based on the current rate for a private room in a long-term care facility. At this time that rate is \$1,700 per month.

The Affordable Supportive Living Initiative (ASLI) that approved the \$10 million grant to Bethany Care Society has stipulated that Bethany Care has to maintain an "affordable" accommodation fee for 20 years. ASLI has also said this room fee "should not exceed the regulated private room rate for long-term care facilities." (George VanderBurg, Minister of Seniors)

However, with the proposed downgrading of this category of resident provincewide, and with the elimination of the Nursing Home Act under the new Alberta Health Act, this current cap on fees is in serious jeopardy (the new act is awaiting Proclamation.)

In addition to private room fee costs, residents

in Bethany Didsbury will be responsible for all medications and incontinence supplies. They will be required to provide their own transportation to appointments (including physiotherapy, speech language pathology, and occupational therapy). Residents will also be required to find their own doctor.

Although there will be 24-hour staffing, there will only be a Registered Nurse case manager on site during business hours. Personal care services (such as assistance with bathing, dressing, grooming) will be funded by Alberta Health Care, but only to those who qualify. Otherwise, residents will pay out of pocket for extra services.

As Belle Gowriluk from Alberta Health Services was quick to point out several times at this open house, "there are no guarantees" regarding who will be housed in the new facility. Unless Bethany Didsbury is mandated by Alberta Health to provide accommodation for "nursing home" status residents, Didsbury may still be looking at long wait-lists. And we may still be forced to warehouse our most frail loved ones in some far-away facility.

Marilyn Logan
Didsbury

Integrated traffic moves to Red Deer

BY SYLVIA COLE
For the Review

The Innisfail Integrated Traffic Unit will be making Red Deer its new home. Starting last week, 13 members — seven RCMP, five sheriffs and a public support staff member, started moving over to the old Red Deer Rural detachment on 55 Street near Lindsay Thurber High School.

Cpl. Al Nicholson said the decision to move was for more room.

"We have 13 people in a small space," he said of the one main office and two smaller offices the group was working from.

The integrated traffic unit started in 2010 and is one of five integrated units on a stretch of the QE II from Airdrie to Leduc. The group responds to driving complaints, collisions and other reports and works with the local detachments as well.

With the new location, Nicholson expects response time to the highway to be a few minutes longer.

"Innisfail is in a good location because we're right by the highway and Antler Hill is one of the problem areas. ... In Red Deer you've got a lot more traffic."

He said the two smaller offices will remain open to the unit to use when members are in the Innisfail area and need a place to do some work.

The unit, which covers the area from the Didsbury overpass north to Red Deer, will keep its name as Innisfail.

Nicholson added that the RCMP station in town is undergoing renovations with the plan to eventually renovate the basement, meaning there could be a possibility of returning to Innisfail some day down the road.

He hopes to have everything moved in and operational in Red Deer for Feb. 1.

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REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday February 28, 2012 at 7:00 pm
MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday February 8, 2012 at 4:30 pm
Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.

FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Didsbury Fire Department is seeking physically fit men and women who are looking to give back to their community.

The department responds to a variety of calls such as structure fires, motor vehicle accidents, and medical assists. Being a member requires extensive training and knowledge of all aspects of fire prevention and fire fighting techniques, and this training will be provided.

The basic requirements for applying include a class 5 drivers' license with a 3 year drivers abstract, a criminal background check, first aid and CPR (class C), living within town limits, and the ability to respond to day calls.

If this opportunity appeals to you, please stop by the Town Office during office hours and pick up an application, or stop by the Fire Hall any Wednesday night at 7:00 pm. The Fire Department accepts applications throughout the year.

WATER METER READS

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BYLAW CORNER

Town of Didsbury Bylaw 96-01 regulates the depositing or accumulation of snow, ice and dust on the streets and public places within the town limits.

Residents and business owners are being reminded to please keep your sidewalks shoveled and clear of snow and ice accumulation. As per the bylaw, snow and ice must be removed from any sidewalk adjoining your residence or business within 24 hours of a snowfall.

When removing snow, it must be placed onto your own property and not onto Town property such as the street.

Failure to comply with this bylaw could result in the Town removing the snow or ice with all costs of removal, plus a \$115.00 fine being charged to the property owner.

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Melissa Trotter, Community Peace Officer



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constraints. To try and accommodate as many requests as possible, please keep submissions to 20 words or less. Please have your submissions in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event you are publicizing.

HALL RENTALS:

ROSEBUD HALL RENTALS. Call 403-335-9945 or 403-335-4606.
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5-0 CLUB HALL RENTALS. For hall rentals and/or info regarding the hall please call Joyce Gee 403-335-2861.
DIDSBURY ELKS HALL RENTALS. Call Shelley Fakir 403-335-9213.
ST. CYPRIAN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH HALL RENTALS contact Myrna Watt 403-335-3745.
LONE PINE HALL HALL. which is located east of Didsbury, contact Jo-Anne Hannah at 403-335-4190 for rental information.
MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY HALL For meetings, community events, family or group reunions call Sharon 403-335-4288.
Fallen Timber Community Hall offers an ideal place for quiet safety meetings or fabulous social activities. Please contact Esther McMullen for information at 403-637-2270.

CITIZENS ON PATROL - Didsbury/Carstairs. Driving in a neighbourhood near you. To volunteer call 403-335-8755.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Membership meetings are the 2nd Wednesday in June, September, November, and January. For more info please call 403-335-3265.

DIDSBURY TOPS - Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Judy Coutts at 403-335-2212 or Rosemary 403-335-2835

BEAVERS TUES. - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

KING HIRAM LODGE #21 - has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

ST. HILDA CHAPTER #27 O.E.S. - Has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. Call Marg Steckler at 403-335-4281

DIDSBURY SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES - Co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 403-335-4391.

DIDSBURY SHUTTLE BUS - Scheduled transportation for anyone on Monday, Wednesdays & Fridays 9 - 3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 403-507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

LEARNING DISABILITIES MTN VIEW CHAPTER - Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 403-335-3174.

DIDSBURY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC - Provides free accessible mental health services. Which incl. assessments, individual family & group counselling & crisis intervention. Mon. - Fri. 8:30-4:00.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Donna at 403-335-8733 or Rick at 403-335-9525.

DIDSBURY LIFELINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM - Shirley 403-335-3787, Don 403-335-4676.

DIDSBURY ROYAL PURPLE #317 - Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m., 2nd Wednesday of each month. For info call Irene Collinge 403-335-4589

ALANON - For family and friends of alcoholics. Alice 403-556-5911, Reg 403-337-3762.

DIDSBURY AND AREA SUPPORT GROUP - for friends and families of people with Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. Join us the last Monday of each month, 7-9 p.m. Aspen Ridge Lodge, 1100 - 20 Ave., Didsbury, 403-335-9848. Dolina Watson, 403-335-7285.

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES AUXILIARY - monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS - 12-Step group for Compulsive Overeaters meets on Thursdays at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church, 130 Albert St., Airdrie. For more information call Deb at 403-948-0563 or Frankie at 403-335-3633.

3025 RCACC DIDSBURY ARMY CADETS - Youth 12-18 Monday 6:30 - 9:30. Downstairs Victoria Square Mall 403-559-8801.

ADULT HALL WALKING - at Westglen School from 6:30pm to 7:30pm from Monday to Friday. Please wear clean dry shoes. For more information call Cindy at 403-335-9437.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM - Open 10 a.m. - 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tues and Wed., Sat. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. By appointment: Jim 403-335-0003 or Shirley 403-335-3277

DIDSBURY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY BUS - Call Jan to book your trip. 403-335-3052. Competent drivers.

DIDSBURY YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S - meetings are held the first Monday of each month. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come. For location and time please call 403-335-1975.

MIDWAY COMMUNITY WALKERS - Midway School will be open to anyone that would like to walk inside for exercise without the winter elements. Open every school day 7:30-8:30am. For more info call 403-337-2888.

OLD TIME DANCE - Didsbury 5/0 Club last Friday of every month starting Oct. 28 7:30-9:30. Live music. Lunch to follow the dance. For info call 403-335-2861 or 335-0085.

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IF YOU LIKE TO QUILT - or would like to learn to quilt, come join us at the Church of God 1st & 3rd Monday, 1 - 4 or 7 - 9:30 p.m. For more info call 403-337-8686 leave message. Everyone welcome.

DIDSBURY ELKS LODGE - supper meetings every 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Supper at 7:00 p.m. meeting at 8:00 p.m. Call 403-335-4655.

SUPPER INVITATION - The Didsbury Lions Club welcomes men & lady visitors at their supper meetings on the first and third Thursdays of each month, 6:45 p.m. at the 5-0 Club. For information and to RSVP call 403-335-9173 or 403-335-4796.

DIDSBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE - is a resource centre for the down, we provide information and referral services, community programming, FCSS, resource lending library and meeting space available for rent. Please call 403-335-8719.

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FRIDAYS - CRIBBAGE STARTS - at the Elks Hall - 7:00 p.m.

HUNTINGTONS - Are you or someone you love affected by HD? I am looking to start up a support group in the Didsbury area. If you are interested contact Kim Rauhala 403-335-9520.

BRING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS! - Mountain View Optimists meets Tuesdays 7:30 pm at Sandy's in Olds. mountainviewoptimists@gmail.com

DIDSBURY AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP - Fridays at 8:30 at the Knox United Church, 1406-19 Ave. Suzanne 403-337-3033 or Jennifer 403-335-8388

OUTLAWS 4-H HORSE CLUB - is collecting used batteries. For info contact: 403-507-9242

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHORALERS - are back for another season. If you like to sing, join us Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the 5/0 Club.

ROSEBUD HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Thursday Feb. 16 7:30 p.m.

STAGE WEST THEATRE - trip Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2012. Includes lunch buffet, the play- THE 39 STEPS. Leave Memorial Complex 10:30am- Return approx. 5:00pm. Call Tom 403-518-6247 by Jan. 21/12.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S BREAKFAST - Lutheran Church Didsbury, Feb. 14, 2012 9:30am. Free babysitting. For reservations please call Ann 403-335-8444

BOOK SALE - Fri., February 3, 12-7. Sat. February 4, 9-1. Lawn Bowling Basement Friends of the Library.

DIDSBURY MUSEUM ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER - Sat. March 3, 2012. Sports Complex- Multi-Purpose Room- 5:30. Cash Bar & Silent Auction. Dinner 6:00pm Call Shirley 403-335-3277

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH - TURKEY DINNER - Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012 3:00 to 6:00pm at Zion Evangelical Missionary Church Gymnasium.

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 Catholic Women's League:
 Maxine Moreau 403-335-4948
 Knights of Columbus: Gary McNeil 403-335-8611

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 Pastor: Mike Nimz
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 Church: 403-335-3161 / Res: 403-335-3656
 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. • Worship - 10:30 a.m.
 Adult Bible Study Sunday - 9:30 a.m.
 Holy Communion 1 & 3 Sunday 10:30 a.m.
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 Small Group Bible Study meetings
 throughout the week

Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church

14 km East of Didsbury Pastor Art Numan
 Office: 403-335-4422
 Morning Worship 11 a.m. • Sunday School 10 a.m.
 For information concerning the weekly activities
 please call the Church Office.

Anglican Church of Canada

St. Cyprian's
 2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 403-335-4664
 Rector - David Asher
 Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

West Zion Mennonite Church

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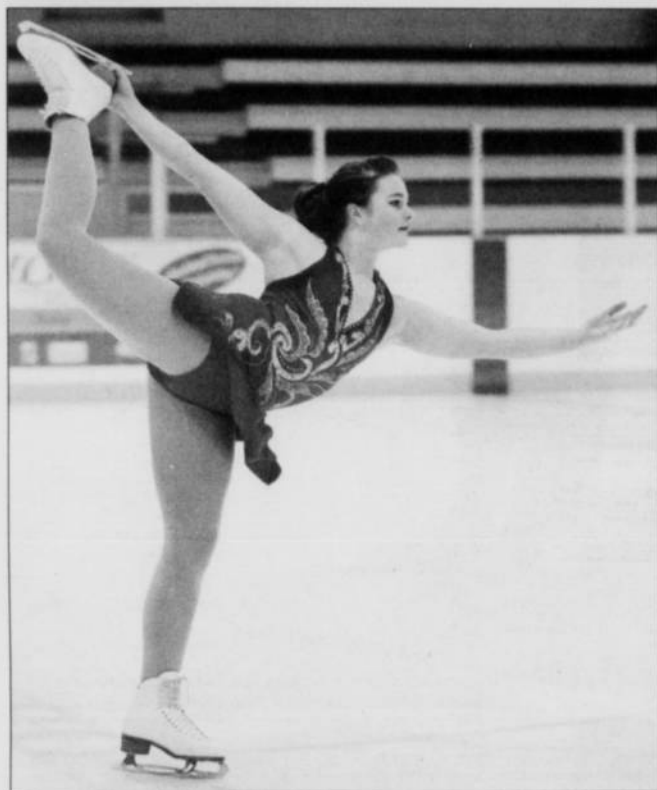
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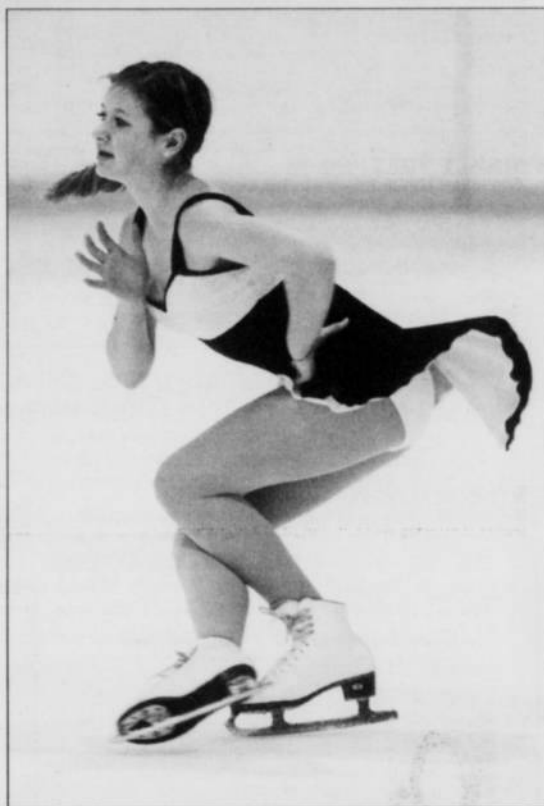
TOP LEFT: Sydney Weber competes in the preliminary freeskate section of the Ice Fest 2012 last Saturday. The event was held at the Carstairs Memorial Arena and ran from Jan. 27-29.

TOP RIGHT: Competitors along with their families and coaches watch a performance during the festival.

LEFT: Skaters line up during a medal presentation.

RIGHT: Amanda Trotter competes in the preliminary freeskate.

BOTTOM: Keara Grovet of Lacombe competes in the preliminary freeskate.



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TWINKLE TOES - Little dancers learn the ropes at the Twinkle Toes Dance class on Jan. 24. The introductory dance class, hosted by the Didsbury Neighborhood Place at the multi-purpose room at the Didsbury Memorial Complex, is for children ages 3-5 years old and will run until Feb. 21.

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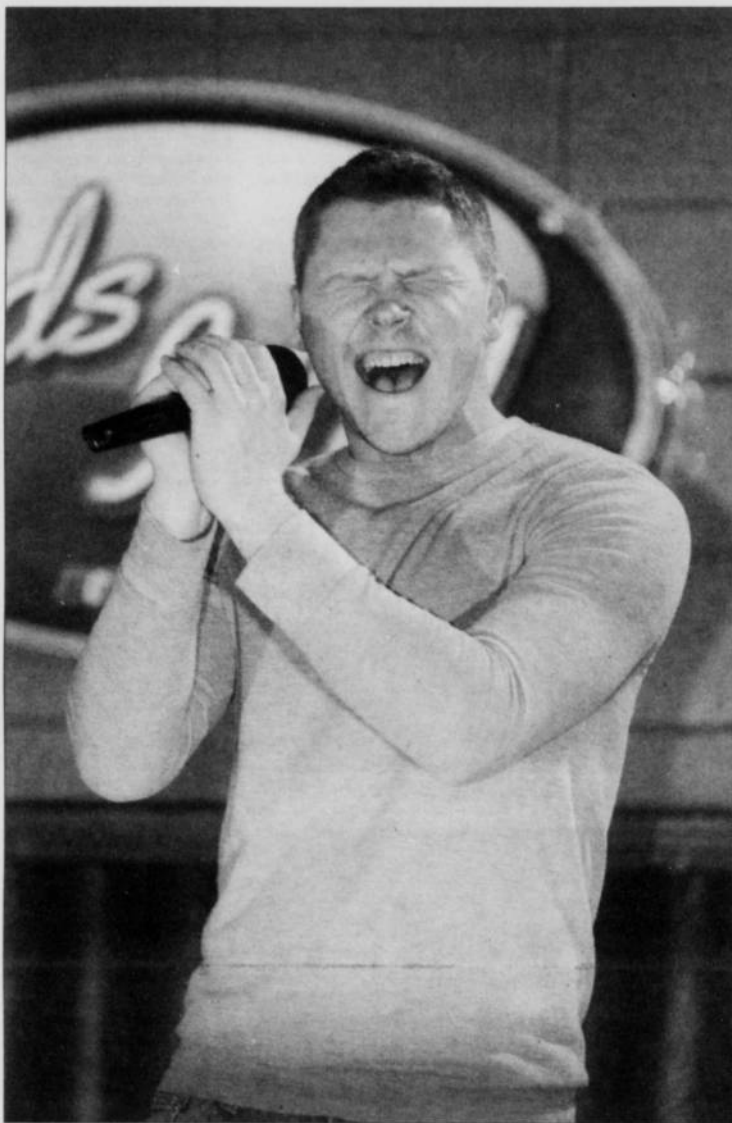
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OPEN SUNDAYS

Didsbury resident takes home Olds Idol title



Craig Martin gives an all-out performance at the Olds Idol competition.

Noel West/Didsbury Review

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

Didsbury resident Craig Martin took home the fame and glory of placing first at the Olds Idol competition, held at the Texas Mickey on Jan. 23.

The karaoke night was Martin's first competitive singing event, where he performed songs by Bon Jovi and Elvis to nab the top spot.

"I was pretty nervous, mainly because of the competition," said Martin, 26. "I had no idea, no intention of winning. I was in it for

fun, and that calmed my nerves."

As the winner of the competition, Martin took home his own personal karaoke machine, as well as a bouquet of flowers and a trophy.

"I would recommend the event," said Martin, who said he will likely take part in the next Olds Idol. "Everyone there was fantastic, it was a great audience and atmosphere."

Martin would like to extend his thanks to his friends, the Texas Mickey staff and the karaoke host for making his night a memorable one.

Casino-style night to raise funds for preschool

Largest fundraiser for the preschool 2011-2012 year

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

The Didsbury Preschool's annual school year fundraiser is back again on Feb. 11, bringing guests a fun-filled night of dinner, entertainment, and casino-style games.

Didsbury Preschool Casino Royale will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner and officially kick off at 7 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at the Didsbury Memorial Complex and will be held throughout the evening with all proceeds raised from ticket sales, auction items and more going towards the preschool to help purchase supplies, equipment, and other important tools.

Tickets are \$60 each and \$100 per couple. To be able to enjoy the evening's dinner, which is being catered by Westcott Country Kitchen, tickets must be purchased in advance.

The fundraiser evening is also being made possible by Greywolf Production Systems.

Professional dealers will be on hand for the games portion of the evening, and a raffle and silent auction, as well as a DJ and other entertainment will also be featured.

"The theme this year was kind of a Valentine's Day thing," said Brooke Mierke with the preschool. "It's an elegant night out for couples."

This is the preschool's largest and only fundraiser for the 2011-2012 school season as well. The event is estimated to bring in 150-200 people.

"The fundraiser's success is largely influenced by our local sponsors and the people of the community."

"The fundraiser's success is largely influenced by our local sponsors and the people of the community," said Mierke. "The fundraiser allows us to provide upgrades, books, and other tools for the school."

For more information, or to purchase an advanced ticket, call Mierke at 403-335-2248.

MOUNTAINVIEW COLTS

CHARITY HOCKEY GAME

Saturday, February 4 @ 8 p.m. Versus High River Flyers
Didsbury Memorial Complex

All profits to be donated towards Alberta Rural Ride for Dad - fighting Prostate Cancer. Help the players by donating towards the "Pledge per goal program."

Come to the game and try for a chance to "Shoot the Puck" for \$1,200.

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OR
Take part in the silent auctions.

Also final date to purchase Raffle Tickets on 4 night fishing package for four to Moucha Bay, B.C. Resort or Plasma TV (Courtesy of Otto's Electric, Olds, Alberta).

The Mountainview Colts have set a goal of \$20,000. Over the past five years this team has donated over \$30,000 towards various charities, which includes purchasing the heart defibrillator machine for the Memorial Complex. Let's help them reach their goal.

Anyone wishing to make a pledge or donation towards this cause can do so by contacting any of the players, their families, coaching staff of the Mountainview Colts or F. Murphy at 403-335-4591. Receipts for any donations over \$25 will be issued by the Motorcycle Ride for Dad - Fighting Prostate Cancer.



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Olds College, in cooperation with Horse Racing Alberta is pleased to announce that we have room for select individuals who are looking at starting a career in the horse racing industry. The deadline for this program is Monday February 6, 2012.

Program Overview

This 15 week program will give program participants the confidence, fitness and skills to be an professional Groom in the Race Track Industry. Under the instruction and supervision of professionals in horse racing, program participants will learn the theory and practices to develop industry required equine and barn management skills. Over the course of the program the participants will be gradually introduced to more challenging riding conditions as their abilities and confidence increase. Upon completion of the course, participants will be expected to demonstrate mastery of specific competencies through individual assessments.

Program Fees

The cost of this program is subsidized by Horse Racing Alberta

- Alberta residents: \$700
- Books and Supplies are approximately \$250
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Horse racing is one of the largest spectator sports in North America. For you, that means solid employment opportunities. Strong work ethic and competitiveness are essential as the best Grooms command the best opportunities and pay. The racing season will keep you busy, but there are also opportunities for graduates to be employed by training farms that operate year-round. Entrepreneurial skills will be required.

Admission Requirements

Small classes promote quality education. Being selected for this program will require a combination of aptitude and desire. You must:

- Be 18 years of age or older on course start date
- Complete and submit an application form by February 6, 2012
- Successfully complete an interview process

For more information on the Groom School program contact Mark Fournier, Program Manager - Continuing Education at (403)556-4767 or visit our program website at www.oldscollege.ca.

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Mountainview Colts to play charity game in support of Rural Ride

Team aims to raise over \$20,000 for prostate cancer research

BY MADISON SAMUEL-BARCLAY
Review Staff

The Mountainview Colts will be challenging the High River Flyers in a special charity game on February 13 at 4 p.m. at the Didsbury Memorial Arena, in support of the Rural Ride for Dad.

This is the fourth year for the event, which follows in the footsteps of the Colts'

last fundraising effort in 2011, where they raised over \$20,000, beating their goal of \$16,000.

This year the Colts have set a marker goal for \$20,000, and are aiming to beat it with collected pledges, which sponsors will donate per goal.

Last year the Colts received \$700 per goal, and are hoping to increase the amount and put on a great evening with the Flyers.

"This is the Colts giving back to the community," said Fran Murphy of the Mountainview Colts Sports and Recreation Association.

The Rural Ride for Dad is an organization that has made its home in Didsbury and sees riders tearing through town in support of prostate cancer research and prevention.

The original Ride for Dad organization began in

Ottawa and was later introduced to the community as the Rural Ride for Dad in support of its cause.

"We had to do something about [prostate cancer]," said Rural Ride Chair Dean Harper, who has been with the organization since its beginnings in Didsbury after a member of his family had been affected by the disease.

Currently the Rural Ride is also looking to showcase

that Didsbury is its home and has approached town council to propose a high-way sign be placed to show that it is rooted to the community.

"We're proud of the community and what we're doing and we want the community to be proud of us and show it," said Harper about the signage proposal.

Those who have not yet pledged a Colts player still

have the opportunity to do so before the big game, and can do so within the first two periods of the game as well.

"I believe people should come out and support this event because they're raising money for a good cause, and because prostate cancer doesn't just affect men, but also the lives of their friends and family," said Harper.

Truck collides with train at crossing



A pickup truck that had tried to proceed around the gate at a railroad crossing was struck last Tuesday, critically injuring one of the teenage passengers.

Photos submitted Dean Owen and Olds RCMP

BY JULIE BERTRAND
For the Review

A pickup truck collided with a train last Tuesday at 11:42 p.m. at the 50 Street crossing in Olds, critically injuring one teenage passenger from Manitoba.

At the time of the accident, the 2002 grey GMC Sierra pickup truck was travelling west on 50 Street.

According to CPR spokesman Kevin Hryszak, the vehicle proceeded around the gate and the passenger side was struck by the oncoming southbound CPR freight train.

"The road crossing is equipped with lights, bells and gates, which were all fully functioning at the time of the crash," he said.

"The biggest safety message that I can say is that

these crossing devices are there for a reason and that is for your safety."

Hryszak added that the train was going at a mandated track speed of 64 km/h at the time of the accident.

While the RCMP does not know the exact distance the train pushed the truck, they do know it was a considerable distance.

"I would image that once, fairly close or at the collision, the CPR employees would have done their emergency braking system and the whole train would come to a grinding halt," said Cpl. Wayne Wright, Didsbury RCMP.

Tracks co-owner Kurtis Husted was working at the pub at the time of the accident. Like many of his customers, he went outside to see what had happened.

"The truck went through the light standard at the crossing guard and took out a bench and the guard," he said.

"The crossing guard was in the Scotia Bank parking lot in front of the truck."

After the accident, an anonymous tipster called 911 to advise emergency services of the accident. Olds RCMP, Olds Fire Department, and provincial EMS were dispatched to the scene.

The car's three occupants were transported to the Olds hospital, where the front passenger seat occupant, an 18-year-old man from Manitoba, was flown by STARS Air Ambulance to Calgary. He remains in critical condition.

The other two occupants – a 20-year-old Ontario man



and a 20-year-old Edmonton woman – sustained non-life-threatening injuries.

There was a brief disruption in CPR service, as the road crossing did not reopen until Wednesday afternoon.

According to the website Operation Lifesaver, CPR reported 46 railway crossing accidents in Alberta in 2011.

Five accidents caused fatalities, while four resulted in serious injuries.

"These types of things are obviously extremely hard on our crews as well. This is something they cannot prevent," said Hryszak.

"We do release them of duty and offer them critical stress counselling, because

everybody does take that type of situation differently."

Olds RCMP continues to investigate the collision with the help of an RCMP collision analyst and the CP Rail Police. The names of the injured from the pickup are being withheld at this time.

Alcohol does not appear to be a factor.

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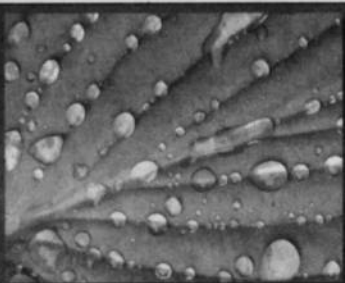
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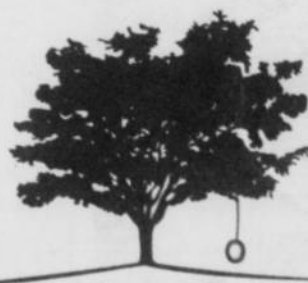


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